

Please amend the present application as follows:

Claims

The following is a copy of Applicant's claims that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A printer selection method comprising:

receiving via a network a print command and user parameters that are to be used to select a printer;

searching for a printer that satisfies the received user parameters; and

forwarding the print command to a selected printer to enable the selected printer to print a document for a user.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein receiving a print command and user parameters comprises receiving a print command and user parameters that were sent by the user with a network browser.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the user parameters include at least one of a paper size and type, print color management, printer finishing capabilities, printer resolution, printer location, and printer spooling speed.

24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the user parameters include printer location so as to enable selection of a printer that is physically closest to the user.

25. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the user parameters include time expectations that pertain to at least one of travel time for the user between a current location and a location of a candidate printer, time required by the candidate printer to spool, and waiting time required before the candidate printer is ready to print.

26. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the user parameters include cost expectations that pertain to at least one of costs for the user to travel from a current location to a location of a candidate printer.

27. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising locating a plurality of candidate printers and determining the availability of the candidate printers.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, further comprising selecting a printer from the plurality of candidate printers.

29. (New) A printing method comprising:
receiving via a network a print command and user parameters that are to be used to select a printer, the print command and user parameters having been provided using a network browser, the user parameters including a printer location parameter;

searching a plurality printers for a printer that satisfies the received user parameters;

identifying at least one candidate printer that satisfies the received user parameters;

determining the availability of the at least one candidate printer;

selecting a printer from the at least one candidate printer; and

forwarding the print command to the selected printer to enable the selected printer to print a document for the user.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the selected printer is the physically closest printer to the user.

31. (New) A printer selection system comprising:

an assessor that is configured to:

receive via a network a print command and user parameters that are to be used to select a printer,

search for a printer that satisfies the received user parameters, and

forward the print command to a selected printer to enable the selected printer to print a document for a user.

32. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the user parameters include at least one of a paper size and type, printer color management, printer finishing capabilities, printer resolution, printer location, and printer spooling speed.

33. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the user parameters include printer location so as to enable selection of a printer that is physically closest to the user.

34. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the assessor is further configured to locate a plurality of candidate printers and determine the availability of the candidate printers.

35. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the assessor is further configured to select a printer from the plurality of candidate printers.

36. (New) A computing device comprising:
a printer-selection system that includes an assessor that is configured to receive via a network a print command and user parameters that are to be used to select a printer, search for a printer that satisfies the received user parameters, and forward the print command to a selected printer to enable the selected printer to print a document for a user.

37. (New) The device of claim 36, wherein the user parameters include at least one of a paper size and type, printer color management, printer finishing capabilities, printer resolution, printer location, and printer spooling speed.

38. (New) The device of claim 36, wherein the user parameters include printer location so as to enable selection of a printer that is physically closest to the user.

39. (New) The device of claim 36, wherein the assessor is further configured to locate a plurality of candidate printers and determine the availability of the candidate printers.

40. (New) The device of claim 39, wherein the assessor is further configured to select a printer from the plurality of candidate printers.